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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH LOCAL COMMUNISTS

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1. I HAVE PASSED A MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ THROUGH HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATE, MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY OTERO (WHO LUNCHEDED WITH ME JULY 19), THAT WE SHALL SHORTLY ESTABLISH LOW-KEY AND LOW-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY. I EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD PURPOSELY AVOIDED STARTING SUCH CONTACTS PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS, BUT THAT NOW THAT THE PCE WAS IN THE CORTES, WE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SOME DIRECT ACCESS TO THE PARTY.

2. IF AMERICAN OR FOREIGN PRESS SHOULD INQUIRE ABOUT POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH THE PCE, OUR REPLY WILL BE THAT WITH LEGALIZATION OF PCE AND ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE CORTES, WE DO INTEND TO MAINTAIN SUCH CONTACTS, BUT WILL DECLINE TO DISCUSS DETAILS, INCLUDING PERSONS INVOLVED. STABLER

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